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FOLLOWING REPEAT VALLETTA 1002 ACTION SECSTATE INFO

ATHENS LONDON ROME TRIPOLI TUNIS USUN NEW YORK 28 AUGUST 75.

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PLOS, MT

SUBJECT: LOS: MALTA TO EXTEND FISHING ZONE TO TWENTY MILES

REF: STATE 146678

1. AMBASSADOR JOSEPH ATTARD KINGSWZHL, MINTOFF'S ROVING
AMBASSADOR (AND ALSO AMBASSADOR TO US, UN AND SOME DOZEN
OTHER COUNTRIES) TOLD AMBASSADOR AUGUST 28 THAT THE GOVERNMENT
OF MALTA HAD DECIDED TO EXTEND ITS FISHING ZONE TO TWENTY
MILES. ATTARD KINGSWELL SAID LEGISLATION TO THIS EFFECT
WOULD BE INTRODUCED WHEN PARLIAMENT RECONVENES IN MID-OCTOBER
AND THAT "NEIGHBORING STATES" WERE ALREADY BEING ADVISED
OF THE MALTESE DECISION. FOLLOWING PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION,
FORMAL NOTIFICATION WILL BE MADE TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

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2. COMMENT: GOM DECISION IS APPARENTLY BASED ON COMPLAINTS

BY MALTESE FISHERMEN ABOUT INCREASING ENCROACHMENT IN THEIR
TRADITIONAL WATERS, ESPECIALLY BY SICILIAN FISHERMEN.
ATTARD KINGSWELL SAID ONLY ITALY WAS REALLY AFFECTED, SINCE
NEITHER TUNISIAN, LIBYAN NOR GREEK FISHERMEN OFTEN WANDERED
SO FAR INTO MALTESE WATERS. ATTARD KINGSWELL DID NOT RAISE
QUESTION OF US DOMESTIC UNILATERAL LEGISLATION DESCRIBED
REFTEL. SMITH UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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